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COMMANDERIES.

THE TRIENNIAL TRIP.

Fratres and Brothers who intend going to Pittsburgh should read the following *correction* from our last month's announcement: The Special Train on the B., C. R. & N. Ry will leave Cedar Rapids, Saturday, October 8th, arriving in Chicago Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock. The trip from Chicago will be made over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and all Western and Northwestern Pilgrims should time their trip so as to go with this train. The fare from Chicago will be $10.50 for the round trip. Do not forget the additional trip to Gettysburg, Washington, Mt. Vernon, Fortress Monroe, Old Point Comfort, etc., The total expense, including fare from Chicago and sleeper is estimated to come within $40.00. Our next number may have additional information, but none who want to go should delay. Write to P. G. C., E. Olin Soule, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and he will arrange for you. Or to the agent of the B. & O. R. R., Chicago, Ill.

THE TEMPLAR LADIES CLUB.

The Iowa Templars Ladies Club met on call of the President at the Asylum Templar Park, July 12, 1898.

Roll call showed fourteen members present and only one officer absent. The society unanimously voted to abandon all entertainment on account of the death of the daughter of Grand Commander Mr. Loring.

The Club having some funds on hand after all bills were paid, decided to make a few needed improvements in the interior of the main building.

Eight new names were added to the Club. After election of the following officers the meeting adjourned:

Pres.—Mrs. F. W. Craig, Des Moines.
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. T. J. Gilbert, Perry.
2d Vice-Pres—Mrs. J. S. Carlan, Atlantic
Treas.—Mrs. J. B. Atkins, Council Bluffs
Sec'y—Mrs. F. M. Alexander, Atlantic.

[We were sorry not to secure this item for last month, but it will be of general interest at any time.—EDITOR.]

THE DAMAGE AT TEMPLAR PARK.

The tornado that swept over the regions about Spirit Lake blew a portion of the Asylum building down at Templar Park. The damage will be repaired at once. The loss is covered by insurance.

Sac City now has the second largest Commandery in Iowa, and in the matter of work and push they are about up head.

West Union has been having a fair amount of prosperity this year.

Sioux City has been knighting a number lately.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

SHRINE DAY IN TANGIER.

September 14th, with a day before and a day after, has been marked on the Moslem calendar as a Feast to the nobility of all nations. The streets of Cairo will swarm with Shereefs and Hadjis. Who misses that will miss what "will be better than a thousand nights." *Es Salamu Aleikum.* Get there. Take night-key, FEZ and a piece of rope.

NEWS IS SCARCE.

But few notices have reached us this month from the Temples. The war and the weather, seemingly, have caused a short vacation. Naja Temple of Deadwood, S. D., flares up in a seven colored notice for a meeting for June 10th, with the Imperial Potentate present. They come to Omaha on the 13th or 14th by special train. Gee-whillikens! if our Billy were to see the "hot stuff" in that notice. What do you think of calling our Ethelbert "Imperial Potatoes?" Naja, quit that, or we'll "put you off at Buffalo."

Lu Lu—Philadelphia, goes on an excursion to the sea shore—Atlantic City—September 10th. Many's the time we've taken salt water at that old place, and no doubt Lu Lu will have a great time. They had a concert at Lemon Hill Pavilion, Fairmount Park, August 10. They open full-blast-work in September.

Don't forget the trip to Buffalo next June.

SOLDIER NOBLES.

Judging from the number of requests we have had for Waivers of Jurisdiction from military camps we'd opine that the "hot sands" were kept stirred up considerably, and we should not be surprised to hear of some "Military Temples" soon.

"The Pacific Mason" for June publishes one of the most pleasant, truthful and sensible of articles, on the "Mystic Shrine." It is much more in taste than rehashing the *screed* of some fault-finding bigot.

Harry Collins' Temple (Rameses, Toronto,) is up and coming—it has a prominent "ad" in the Masonic Sun. Let Rameses roll—she's the only Canadian Temple.

OUR ED IS A WONDER.

Ed. I. Alderman, Potentate of El-Kahir Temple, N. M. S., is Vice-President of the National Firemen's Association, whose greatest tournament is to be held in Omaha, Sept. 5 to 10 next. His hustling and forceful individuality has pushed the affair to such a magnitude that it will bring the largest attendance to the Trans-Mississippi that they have yet had. What we've all known who have worked with him, will be known to the whole country, that our Ed is in it with both feet and that he is one of the best managers and one of the ablest leaders among his fellows.

EL-KAHIR GOES TO CARROLL.

We've opened a pathway into the Desert. The Berber Tribes beyond the Atlas have revolted against their isolation. Carroll gave us 110 candidates a few years ago and they are after them again. This is to be a War Celebration. It is to be November 3d. Full particulars next month. Let every Noble mark the date in *red*.

"SIR THOMAS LIPTON."

Sir Thomas once before received a tip from London to go easy. Having an immense plantation in Ceylon, he became the close friend and admirer of Arabi Pasha, the Egyptian rebel who was exiled to Ceylon with Mahmoud Pasha and others after the surrender of the Egyptian forces at Tel el Kebir. Lipton was so taken with the intelligence and commanding presence of the Pasha that he secured permission to entertain Arabi, who, while virtually at liberty to go where he chose in Ceylon, was at the same time under constant surveillance. At a dinner given in honor of the pasha by Lipton, the latter made a speech somewhat too eulogistic of Arabi's qualities as a statesman and a general. Part of this speech was reported in London and the machinery of the foreign office was put in motion for the purpose of inserting a flea in Mr. Lipton's ear.—*Minneapolis Journal.*

SHRINE DAY AT OMAHA.

In answer to our inquiry about this occasion we received the following:

OMAHA, Aug. 15, 1898.

John W. Geiger, Marion, Ia:

ILL. NOBLE AND DEAR FRIEND—

"Crick" has turned your postal over to me. I will have a regular notice sent to you, but in the meantime I will say that we have planned to *receive* such of the Shriners and ladies as arrive on Tuesday the 13th of September, at the Mercer Hotel, that evening. Wednesday the 14th will be "Shriners Day" and will be all filled up with Exposition entertainments of various kinds. Thursday the 15th will be trip to South Omaha, with dinner in the forenoon, ceremonial session at Boyd's Opera house at 2 p. m. for weuns and fine theatricals at the Creighton theatre for our ladies. In the evening grand parade, hot time, general jollification. If I mistake not there will be plenty to enjoy and the boys and girls will have occasion to remember "Shriners Day" at Omaha for all time.

Yours in the Faith,
HENRY C. AKIN.

The railroads will give the usual reduced rates for this occasion.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

The Grand Chapter met this year in Burlington, the home of the oldest of the Capitular bodies in Iowa, Aug. 23–26, 1898. The two days school was conducted by the Custodians and was accredited as the best of all in the past. Wednesday night (25) Burlington Chapter exalted three Most Excellent Masters and the exemplification evoked the praise of all who witnessed it.

OPENING BUSINESS.

The Grand Chapter was opened in full form by the Grand High Priest at 10:30 a. m. Thursday morning. St. Omer Commandery K. T. of Burlington, escorted the Companions from the Union House to the Masonic Temple, where the Convocation was held. An address of welcome by the Mayor and a response by P. G. H. P. Dewey were events of the *ante convocation*, while High Priest Wilson presented the welcome of the Burlington Companions in a *post convocation* address. The Nestor of Masonry P. G. H. P., T. S. Parvin, who was at the institution of the Grand Chapter forty-four years ago, was appropriately complimented in the address. The Grand High Priest's address followed. One hundred and twenty Chapters and two U. D. Peace and harmony prevailed. The address was a well prepared and a fully digested document.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The designs for a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel were submitted for inspection. (The Jewel, sterling silver, triple gold plate was afterward selected and will be presented to all living Past Grand High Priests.)

The report on Correspondence by P. G. H. P. Ercanbrack was presented and filed to be printed.

In the report on Chartered Chapters the startling anouncement was made that there are unpaid dues to the amount of over $7,000 on the books of the Iowa Chapters. The representative from each Chapter U. D. was allowed mileage and *per diem*.

THE BOAT RIDE.

At 4:30 p. m. the body called off to join in a river trip of some thirty miles as the guests of Burlington Chapter. About three hundred went and refreshments were served aboard. Distance 24 miles, time 6 hours. Pleasures unspeakable.

EPISODE.

While the boat was lying at the foot of one of the streets of Dallas, Ill., a cry of thirst went up and some "yokel" offered to lead the crowd to a "good place to get a drink." It is needless to say that ex-Grand, Past Grand and clerical officers and almost everybody were in line, and up the street we went, a procession two blocks long. We turned a corner and lo!—the town pump—on which was nailed this notice:

Please Don't
Water Stock at this
Pump.

The host of thirst-stricken simply became violent, reckless, and the way that liquid flowed for a few moments was enough to call the city council of Dallas from the foot of the hill where everybody seems to go whenever a boat lands at the town.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

W. F. Cleveland, Harlan, Grand High Priest.

B. F. Parker, Dubuque, Deputy Grand High Priest.

N. B. Hyatt, Webster City, Grand King.

T. B. Lacy, Council Bluffs, Grand Scribe.

R. F. B. Portman, Decorah, Grand Treasurer.

Alf Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Sec'y.

INTERELECTION BUSINESS.

Ninety-six Chapters were reported as represented.

The Custodians reported better work throughout the State this year than last.

No Appeals, no Grievances.

The Cryptic degrees will cease to be related to the Chapters of Iowa after March 1st, 1899. Companions have fair notice to get in clear—the end for which this journal has contended has come. Now the places that want regular Councils will get them through the G. G. C.

Burlington was thanked for their hospitality.

The Order of High Priest was conferred upon eighteen Companions by P. G. King Deering, who is the President of this Order.

The mileage traveled by the attendants at the Grand Chapter covers in round number 20,000 miles. This amount is only for those drawing mileage. The total mileage of all attending is likely nearly 50,000 and is a matter worth the consideration of transportation companies interested

The place of the next Grand Convocation (1899) will be Red Oak, Iowa.

THE APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Rev. W. V. Whitten, Chariton, Grand Chaplain.

I. P. Wilson, Burlington, Grand Captain of the Host.

H. C. Shadbolt, Emmetsburg, Grand P. S.

D. C. Filkins, Eagle Grove, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

M. R. Ansbach, Clarinda, G. M. 3d Vail.

C. M. Brooks, Sibley, G. M. 2d Vail.

Comp. Shepherd, Bloomfield, G. M. 1st Vail.

Amos Alberson, Washington, Grand Tyler.

P. G. H. P., A. R. Dewey, acted as installing officer and Companion G. R. Turner acted as Grand Marshal.

A. S. Lawrence was elected to succeed himself as Grand Custodian for six years to come.

Alf Wingate was installed the thirteenth time as Grand Secretary to-day.

The G. H. P., D. G. H. P. and G. K. were made a committee on time of next Convocation. Time third Thursday in Oct. 1899.

Total fund now on hand is over ten thousand dollars. Appropriations for the coming year $400.00.

The Committee on Chapters, U. D., recommended charters to Estherville, and Sioux Rapids. The Grand Secretary was directed to have certain volumes of the proceedings bound and distributed.

The Finance Committee read their report of appropriations for necessary expenses.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported. The name of Clermont Chapter was changed to Unity Chapter. Some restorations from suspension for u. p. d. were all the business additional that came before the committee.

The Grand Chapter elected Crom Bowen, D. F. Callender and Alf Wingate Trustees of the Parish Fund left to this body.

The Committee on Transportation reported 111 tickets and certificates passing through their hands.

The Board of Custodians were made members of the Grand Chapter *ex officio*.

A letter of regret at his enforced absence was read from P. G. H. P. Loring.

Alf Wingate was appointed to succeed himself as Trustee of Grand Charity Fund.

P. G. H. P. Ercanbrack was re-appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. The haste with which many ask for dispensations to do work out of time will likely be severely checked hereafter.

The Grand Chapter closed at 3:40 p. m.

THE LODGES.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa has adopted (Sections 230, 230a and 230b) the District place of Schools instead of the old voluntary way. We will try to give each month, in advance, those that will be held during the next month, by Districts.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

At Sheldon, October 3 to 8, 1898, for Lodges 322, 331, 332, 347, 376, 406, 419, 427, 434, 456, 463, 477, 495, 496, 499, 525, 527, 536, 537, 552.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

At Correctionville, October 10 to 15, 1898, for Lodges 103, 178, 223, 289, 307, 309, 377, 387, 390, 398, 404, 408, 446, 457, 462, 470, 471, 474, 502, 508, 517, 521, 532, 550.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

At Algona, October 17 to 22, 1898, Lodges 205, 312, 329, 399, 424, 431, 447, 482, 487, 503, 514, 533, 538, 540, 553.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

At Ft. Dodge, October 31 to November 5, 1898, Lodges 111, 176, 192, 195, 240, 325, 366, 384, 425, 428, 429, 432, 464, 467, 468, 475, 478, 497, 506, 519, 531, 547.

(To be continued next month.)

THE LIBRARY ADDITION.

P. G. M. Granger presented the following to the Grand Lodge (1898,) which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Library be, and are hereby, authorized to employ an architect to prepare plans and specifications suitable and proper for an addition to the library building, and present the same to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication."

COLORED MASONS

MAKE IMPORTANT AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THEIR ORDER.

The grand lodge African A. F. & A. M. Minnesota, Aug. 4, concluded its fourth annual session. Several changes in the constitution of the order were made. Among these is a provision for levying a per capita tax to support widows and orphans of deceased members. Persons who drink to excess or lead immoral lives will be precluded from membership. The annual meetings hereafter will be the third, instead of the first, Tuesday in August.—*St. Paul Dispatch.*

BRO. W. S. TAYLOR'S FUNERAL.

Though many of us failed to ascertain the time of Noble and Bro. Taylor's funeral, we are glad to learn that the Blue Lodge at Ames had charge, and an escort of Templars from the Commandery at Boone, with visiting brothers and Knights in line. The Odd Fellows also attended. The death of this greatly beloved Mason was announced last month, and none mourn him more than the thousands who knew him as a genial gentleman in all the walks of life.

The corner-stone of the Public Library building at Kankakee, Ill., was laid with Masonic ceremonies August 2d.

OUR BROTHER IN BLACK.

"The American Signet," the representative journal of the Negro Freemasons don't jubilate over the action of the G. L. of Washington a little bit. He don't fall down and say thanks for such recognition, when the Brother in Black can take care of himself and the lodges "among his own race." Some little of the aspersive lampooning of the Masonic press might have been saved if we'd have waited to hear what the Negro had to say first.

THE EASTERN STAR.

MAY MEET IN LODGE ROOMS.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa (1898) adopted the following:

Resolved, That subordinate lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction may with propriety grant the use of their lodge-rooms to the Order of the Eastern Star for its meetings, ceremonial and festival, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the lodges and Chapter of the Order Eastern Star within its jurisdiction."

Minutes 114. So may it ever be.

IOWA GRAND CHAPTER.

In a little over another month the "Stars" will beam on this city and one of the Grand bodies *organized* here will return to hold its session again. What a contrast it will be to compare the days of old—and now. The local Chapter (184) is making preparations to carry out all their plans for our entertainment in the Cedar Rapids style.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

From R. W. Grand Secretary Pitkin we have this: The Triennial Meeting of this national body of the O. E. S. will be held in Washington, D. C., September 27th next. Fare one and one-third on the certificate plan. Return trip must be made within three days *after* the meeting. The meetings will be held in the Masonic Temple, F and Ninth streets, opening at 10 a. m. September 27. The Most Worthy Grand Matron will be "at home" at the Ebbitt House, F and Fourteenth streets, September 26, from 2 to 5 o'clock. The Committee on Credentials will be at the Ebbitt House after 12 M., Sept. 26th. Present your credentials.

L. C. Williamson, 478 Louisiana Ave., Washington, D. C., is local chairman. Apply for hotel room. Headquarters at Masonic Temple.

FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

A VALUABLE PUBLICATION.

Through some inadvertent negligence a notice of the *A. O. U. W. Monthly Magazine* ($3 per year) published by P. S. M. W., J. W. Kinsley, Helena, Montana, was omitted from our *May* number, but is none the less applicable now. The subject matter, (the "Fraternal Jurisprudence" department alone) covers a wide range and is of interest to all fraternities. Brother Kinsley has many advantages in his field and the advancement of his magazine betokens his intention to make it fully worth all one pays for its use. We would advise every Fraternalist to subscribe for it.

The A. O. U. W. Reunion at Burlington, July 28th, was a fine success. The Auditorium was well filled. The parade was fine and thousands attended,

The Knights of the Maccabees scored a full-fledged success at Waterloo August 3d. Supreme Commander Markey was there, and his able and timely address was well received. The Order is growing in Iowa.

The State Auditor's Report for 1897 (Insurance) is out and it makes interesting reading, Those contemplating life indemnity or caring how theirs stands need to see it.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias met in Council Bluffs August 10-11, and it was a big affair. Here candidates freely circulate their cards and the hustle goes right on up to the election. Its all right when a fellow gets used to it. The Grand Lodge is a fine body of men and we appreciate our membership in it.

The certificates of the Degree of Honor (Ladies branch of the A. O. U. W.) are now guaranteed in full., $500 and $1,000.

The "Bee Hive" wades into John A. Hinsey, President of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, K. P., for using the words "fraternal shams" in an article on the war risks. Now, don't sting too hard. He certainly meant only those that *are naked shams*, and we all know that there are some.

OUR DEAD.

We will consider it a favor if our readers will send us the names and date of deaths among the Masonic Family,—Editor.

Louis Trepainer, Des Moines, Ia., July 26, 1898.

Rev. C. H. Strickland, Jackson, Tenn., July 28, 1898.

William Elliott, 32° Logan, Iowa, July 29, 1898.

C. J. Wyland, Harlan, Nov., 1897.

F. J. Atwater, Manchester, Ia., Aug. 20, 1898.

It is with the profoundest sorrow that we chronicle the enrollment of this Mason and Noble upon our Book of the Dead. Frank was one of Nature's noblest sons; a true friend, a faithful brother, and beloved by all who knew him. His death will be a painful surprise to the men who were used to meet him on Masonic and Fraternal occasions.

CHARLEY BUSBY.

The Nobles of El-Kahir Temple will join us in expressing our sympathy for Noble B. C. Busby and wife, who mourn the untimely death of their bright young son Charley, by lightning, while on a ranch in Nebraska, about August 19th. He was buried at Marion.

Some years ago the W. M. of a lodge in the South Islands, New Zealand, informed the D. G. M. that he intended initiating a Chinaman, but when it came to the O. B. the Chinaman declined to take it, and preferred blowing out a lighted candle. He was not admitted.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

The Annals of Iowa Masonry—the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1898—came to our table in July. They are voluminous, complete and masterly. The Grand Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer grace the frontispiece *en group*. Our thanks are extended to the Grand Secretary for a copy in paper. A half tone portrait of our beloved Past Grand Masters, Ralph G. Phelps and Wm. Paget Allen is given on pages 221 and 223. A half tone of the "Maine" heads a page (233) to the memory of Lieut. Jenkins and Engineer Merritt.

The Proceedings of the Grand Council R. & S. M., of North Carolina, for 1898, have been received.

Proceedings Grand Council R. & S. M., of Missouri, for 1898, by Grand Recorder Mag, received.

Proceedings Grand Chapter R. A. M., of Georgia, from G. Sec'y W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Ga., received.

We can freely forgive Sister Nettie Ransford's state for the delay in getting the Proceedings O. E. S. Grand Chapter out for 1898, for they are a veritable gallery of portraits, her's among the best to be sure. We notice Bro. Martin H. Rice of the "Advocate" among the P. G. P's. Thanks.

From B. W. Rowell 33° G. S., sends us the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation for 1898, A. A. S. R. A fine volume and finely compiled.

The "Masonic Home Journal" is to change to an eight page paper with Sept.

The "Eastern Star Record" goes out of business—adding another link to the golden chain of "experiences." "The Eastern Star" fills out the time of subscriptions unexpired.

The five largest Masonic lodges in the United States are Minneapolis No. 19, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 823 members; Hiram No. 1, New Haven, Connecticut, 752; Genesee Falls No. 507, Rochester, New York, 726; Covenant No. 526, Chicago, Ill., 684; and Grand River No. 34, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 603; a total in the five lodges of 3,588 Master Masons.

The Masonic Temple of Chicago has recently declared a dividend of 3 per cent. The surplus is quoted at $1,500,000.

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GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

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T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

Iowa, Grand, Red Oak, October 19th, 1899.
W. F. CLEVELAND...Harlan...GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 14, 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
G. W. BEVER.....Cedar Rapids..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) Washington, D. C., Sept. 27, 1898
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MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH..Newton..GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Buffalo, N. Y., June 13, 1899.
ETHELBERT F. ALLEN Kansas City IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

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John Westley Geiger.....Marion..... .....Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.
GEO. F. WHITE.....Davenport.....POTENTATE
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EDITORIAL NOTES

TO OUR EXCHANGES.

It would greatly facilitate our work and give us earlier use of our exchange files if all would kindly address them to Marion, Iowa, (the Editor's home) instead of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Though closely contiguous, the editor is at present much from home and seldom gets to the publishing office. Will exchanges please note this and favor me? JNO. W. GEIGER, Editor and Mgr.

We welcome the event of District Schools among the Lodges of Iowa. Poor George has been teaching school and "boardin' around" for years and will not likely go back to the old regime soon again. There is power and encouragement in numbers, and where such an assembly of Craftsmen get together, it will be good to be there. Let the Venerable Institution keep moving right along and the good results will justify themselves.

Once in a while the editor of this paper receives a communication intended to do a little "ripping up the back" for the writer through us as a medium for "range-finding," but thus far we have kept the stuff for less inflamable uses. We don't care how much "ring business" there may seem to others to be carried on, if our Iowa brothers can't run the game to earth without using us as the "wad" for the charge, we are too small to do execution and we have not learned the whole state over to be deceived in our opinion that most of our men are intelligent thinkers, and when the right time comes they will know how to act, too.

Our thanks are hereby extended to the Nutwood Driving Club of Dubuque for the complimentary invitation to their great fete Aug. 22 to 27. With our affection for the horse we'd be a good auditor for such an event. Sorry we can't attend.

The editor of the "Indian Mason" would find the carrying out of his idea of Grand Lodges disciplining each other a dose of "confusion worse confounded." The Grand Lodge of I. T. would hardly reach all the way to "Washington" after a Grand Jurisdiction that recognized Negro Lodges—*in its own jurisdiction!*

FIELD NOTES.

The action of Grand Master Dam of Peru, in removing the "great light" from the altars has been reversed. So mote it be.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in recognizing the Colored Lodges is evoking all kinds of "color sights" ac-

cording to locality. The question is, what can be done? Its rights are sovereign in its own jurisdiction. The world do move.

DISTINGUISHED FREEMASONS.

A friend writes as follows: "Is it within your province to answer me 'off-hand' if any of the following men were or are members of the Masonic Fraternity? Your answer will very greatly oblige.

"Abraham Lincoln, General U. S. Grant, Daniel Webster, General Nelson A Miles, General Shafter, Admiral Sampson, Admiral Dewey, Commodore Schley, Lieut. Hobson, General Fitzhugh Lee, and any others who are distinguished."

Of the affiliation of a number of the above named we have no knowledge. If any of our readers can supply the "missing links" we will be pleased to receive a postal card from them containing the information.—*Masonic Chronicle.*

We think the Chronicle will find that neither Lincoln or Grant were Masons.—EDITOR.

GENERAL MENTION.

The corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Boston was laid June 8th.

It is said that the Illinois Masonic Home for Indigent Masons will be located at Peoria, provided that the city will donate a site and $5,000 in cash.

The Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia has made arrangements to celebrate the centennial of the death of Bro. George Washington, December 14th, 1899.

The "Masonic Standard" of August 6th ably and fully answers the strange enthusiasm of Brother Fisher of the Record, against the Shrine.

The Grand Lodge of England has re-elected the Prince of Wales for the twenty-fourth year consecutively to be Grand Master of the Order.

The Vanna Leva No. 2713 is the name of a new Masonic lodge at Vanna Leva, Fiji Islands, which recently received its charter from the Grand Lodge of England.

During the last seven years English Masons have contributed $2,500,000 for the support of their central charities, the Boys', the Girls', and the Benevolent Institutions for widows and aged Masons.

One of the finest buildings in the newly-acquired territory of the United States is the new Masonic Temple at Honolulu, Hawaii. It is built of blue lava stone, and was erected in 1893.

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During the entire day music *ava Zem Zem* will flow freely as the Missouri.

THURSDAY, Sept. 15—9:00 a. m.—Assemble at Headquarters. 10:00 a. m.—Board special train for South Omaha—Swift & Co's—where luncheon will be served "on Swifts". 2:00 p. m.—Ladies Matinee, Creighton Theatre. 2:00 p. m.—Ceremonial Session, Boyd's Theatre. 2:30 p. m.—Oriental Street Parade. 9:00 p. m.—Reception—refreshment. Sept. 16, a. m.—Good by.

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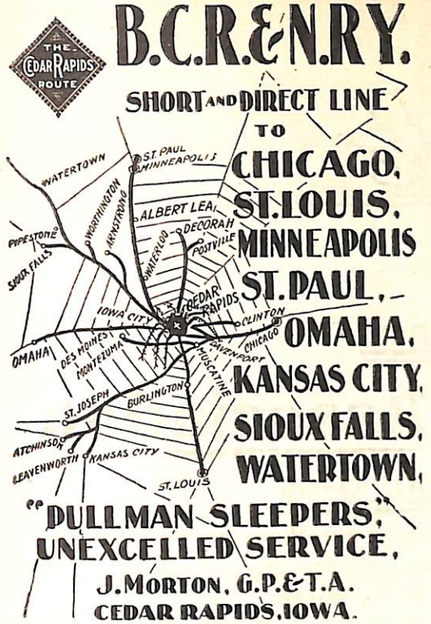

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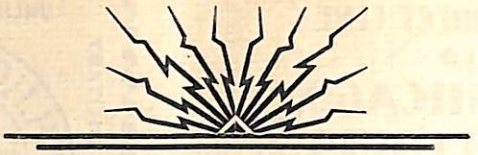

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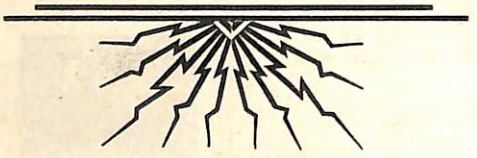

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